

Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman from Maryland, who is my friend, for the tone of his remarks, and I would assure him that when I was a member of the United States Air Force, it may have been by statute, it may have been by regulation, but members of the service were prohibited from making contributions, and we were still good citizens.

Mr. Chairman, I regret the tone that this debate has taken tonight. I am looking out at the faces of my colleagues. I know them, they know me. I would hope they would not impugn a racist motive to an amendment that I have offered on several occasions in this body and has been adopted overwhelmingly on a bipartisan basis.

This is an issue of foreign campaign influence, and I regret that tonight there have been attempts to turn it into a minority issue or a racial issue, or an immigration issue, because it most certainly is not. It is about the fact that really and truly, abuses have occurred, and this legislation has been adopted by this body three times already to address those abuses. It simply makes the statement and would make the statement in the form of the Shays-Meehan bill that the election of Federal officials is the duty of United States citizens, and that is all the amendment does.

I urge the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Chairman, for the purposes of closing debate on this important amendment, I yield the remaining time to the cosponsor of this legislation, the distinguished gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS).

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

I had fainted unless I believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living, and I see this goodness in this House, and I see a little anger, and I see little charges. My wife and I got to serve in the Peace Corps. It was the best 2 years of our lives, serving in another country and learning another culture.

George Bush gets it. He would oppose this amendment. He knows we live in a pluralistic society, and he knows our party is not pluralistic. Look at us. We are good people, but we do not look like that, and some day my hope, some day my hope is that we will look like that, but amendments like this make it very difficult for people of other cultures to want to be a part of our party.

This amendment passed in the past because we confused foreign nationals and the soft money they gave to legal permanent residents who were giving legal contributions, and we got caught up in all of that soft money given by foreign nationals. This is not about foreign nationals. It is about legal permanent residents being allowed to participate in our government.

Mr. WU. Mr. Chairman, this amendment is more than a poison pill to campaign finance reform; it is a poison pill to our Constitution—to our civil rights.

There is nothing in this Constitution that says that the protections of the Bill of Rights extend only to United States citizens. Throughout it there is reference to people, not just citizens. There have been court decisions time and time again that have extended the protections of the Constitution to all persons living within the United States.

We have had a great problem in the Congress making a distinction between illegal residents and legal permanent residents. Legal permanent residents have gone through all the processes. They have spent years to even come to the United States. They have come here with the purpose of being lawful, participating people in this great democracy. They play important civic roles and pay federal, state and local taxes. They serve in the military and are deeply affected by political decisions.

Nearly 20,000 legal permanent residents are now serving voluntarily in the military and playing key roles in our nation's defense against terrorism. Moreover, more than 20 percent of the Congressional Medal of Honor recipients in our nation's wars have been legal immigrants, many of whom later became citizens of this country.

Why are we afraid of these legal residents? We should not be. We should be welcoming them as participants in this democracy.

Let us not make a mockery of our Bill of Rights, of our Constitution, and adopt an amendment that says we will let you live in our country, but we will not allow you to participate.

Do not disgrace the Constitution by supporting this kind of amendment.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER).

The question was taken; and the Chairman pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

#### RECORDED VOTE

Mr. WICKER. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 160, noes 268, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 30]

AYES—160

Aderholt	Combest	Green (WI)
Akin	Cooksey	Grucci
Armey	Cox	Gutknecht
Bachus	Crane	Hansen
Baker	Crenshaw	Hart
Ballenger	Culberson	Hastings (WA)
Barr	Cunningham	Hayes
Bartlett	Davis, Jo Ann	Hayworth
Barton	Deal	Hefley
Bereuter	DeLay	Herger
Biggert	DeMint	Hilleary
Bilirakis	Doolittle	Hobson
Blunt	Duncan	Hoekstra
Boehner	Dunn	Holden
Bono	Ehrlich	Hostettler
Boozman	Everett	Hulshof
Brown (SC)	Flake	Hunter
Burr	Forbes	Hyde
Buyer	Fossella	Isakson
Callahan	Gallegly	Istook
Calvert	Gekas	Jenkins
Camp	Gibbons	Johnson, Sam
Cannon	Gillmor	Jones (NC)
Cantor	Goode	Keller
Chabot	Goodlatte	Kelly
Chambliss	Goss	Kennedy (MN)
Coble	Graham	Kerns
Collins	Graves	Kingston

Knollenberg	Peterson (PA)	Smith (MI)
Largent	Petri	Smith (NJ)
Latham	Pickering	Smith (TX)
Lewis (CA)	Pitts	Stearns
Lewis (KY)	Pryce (OH)	Stump
Linder	Putnam	Sununu
Lucas (OK)	Radanovich	Tancred
Manzullo	Rehberg	Tauzin
McCrery	Reynolds	Taylor (MS)
McHugh	Rogers (KY)	Taylor (NC)
McInnis	Rogers (MI)	Thomas
McKeon	Rohrabacher	Tiahrt
Mica	Royce	Tiberi
Miller, Dan	Ryun (KS)	Toomey
Miller, Gary	Saxton	Upton
Miller, Jeff	Schaffer	Vitter
Myrick	Schrock	Walden
Nethercutt	Sensenbrenner	Watkins (OK)
Ney	Sessions	Watts (OK)
Northup	Shadegg	Weldon (FL)
Norwood	Shaw	Whitfield
Nussle	Sherwood	Wicker
Ose	Shimkus	Wilson (SC)
Otter	Shuster	Young (AK)
Oxley	Simpson	
Pence	Skeen	

#### NOES—268

Abercrombie	Etheridge	Lewis (GA)
Ackerman	Evans	Lipinski
Allen	Farr	LoBiondo
Andrews	Fattah	Lofgren
Baca	Ferguson	Lowey
Baird	Filner	Lucas (KY)
Baldacci	Fletcher	Luther
Baldwin	Foley	Lynch
Barcia	Ford	Maloney (CT)
Barrett	Frank	Maloney (NY)
Bass	Frelinghuysen	Markey
Becerra	Frost	Mascara
Bentsen	Ganske	Matheson
Berkley	Gephardt	Matsui
Berman	Gilchrest	McCarthy (MO)
Berry	Gilman	McCarthy (NY)
Bishop	Gonzalez	McCollum
Blagojevich	Gordon	McDermott
Blumenauer	Granger	McGovern
Boehlert	Green (TX)	McIntyre
Bonilla	Greenwood	McKinney
Bonior	Gutierrez	McNulty
Borski	Hall (OH)	Meehan
Boswell	Hall (TX)	Meek (FL)
Boucher	Harman	Meeks (NY)
Boyd	Hastings (FL)	Menendez
Brady (PA)	Hill	Millender-McDonald
Brown (FL)	Hilliard	Miller, George
Brown (OH)	Hinchey	Mink
Bryant	Hinojosa	Mollohan
Burton	Hoeffel	Moore
Capito	Holt	Moran (KS)
Capps	Honda	Moran (VA)
Capuano	Hooley	Morella
Cardin	Horn	Murtha
Carson (IN)	Houghton	Nadler
Carson (OK)	Hoyer	Napolitano
Castle	Inslee	Neal
Clay	Israel	Oberstar
Clayton	Issa	Obey
Clement	Jackson (IL)	Olver
Clyburn	Jackson-Lee	Ortiz
Condit	(TX)	Osborne
Conyers	Jefferson	Owens
Costello	John	Pallone
Coyne	Johnson (CT)	Pascarell
Cramer	Johnson (IL)	Pastor
Crowley	Johnson, E. B.	Paul
Cummings	Jones (OH)	Payne
Davis (CA)	Kanjorski	Pelosi
Davis (FL)	Kaptur	Peterson (MN)
Davis (IL)	Kennedy (RI)	Phelps
Davis, Tom	Kildee	Platts
DeFazio	Kilpatrick	Pombo
DeGette	Kind (WI)	Pomeroy
Delahunt	King (NY)	Portman
DeLauro	Kirk	Price (NC)
Deutsch	Kleczka	Quinn
Diaz-Balart	Kolbe	Rahall
Dicks	Kucinich	Ramstad
Dingell	LaFalce	Rangel
Doggett	LaHood	Regula
Dooley	Lampson	Reyes
Doyle	Langevin	Rivers
Dreier	Lantos	Rodriguez
Edwards	Larsen (WA)	Roemer
Ehlers	Larson (CT)	Ros-Lehtinen
Emerson	LaTourette	Ross
Engel	Leach	Rothman
English	Lee	Roybal-Allard
Eshoo	Levin	